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NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND STATE ROUTE 33 -- FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCES HIGHWAY TO ONE LANE ONLY BETWEEN VENTURA AND OJAI

Ventura County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that flood damage from the recent heavy rains has necessitated the closure of all but one lane of northbound and southbound State Route 33 located south of Casistas Springs, about 7.5 miles north of U. S. 101. **One lane only** will be utilized alternately for both northbound and southbound traffic. Traffic management personnel are on site flagging motorists through the closure. Caltrans will be working around the clock to repair the pavement damage caused by the flooding.

Delays of up to one hour can be expected during commute hours.

With the concurrent closures on Highway 150, motorists are notified that Highway 150 is not available as an alternate route at this time.

The duration of this closure is unknown at this time. Additional press release updates will be provided as work progresses.

Motorists can obtain the latest California freeway and highway closure information by calling the California Highway Information Network at 800-427-7623. By entering the State route number, the latest updated information can be readily obtained. Motorists are reminded that traffic fines are doubled in freeway and highway work zones.

Closures are weather-permitting and subject to change. Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience and cooperation during this and other freeway and highway repair and improvement projects.

STAY ALERT, BUCKLE UP, REDUCE SPEEDS, AND PLEASE *SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE*.

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